

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in this application.

1. (Original) A method of playing a game by means of a game element, the method comprising the steps of:

 placing the game element on a first location relative to a game board;
 determining, by the game board, the first location of the game element;
 determining, by the game board, a first information item representing game content, wherein said first information item is dependent on said location and a first game being played;
 transferring, by the game board, the first information item to the game element;
and
 receiving and presenting said first information item on the game element.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the step of determining the first location of the game element comprises the steps of:

 transmitting, by at least one transmitter located on the game element, at least one signal identifying said game element;
 receiving, by at least one sensor located on the game board, at least one identifying signal; and
 determining, by the game board, the first location based on at least one identifying signal.

3. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the method further comprises the steps of:

 removing the game element from the first location; and

placing the game element in a second location relative to the game board.

4. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the method further comprises the step of:

receiving a second information item representing a second game being played.

5. (Previously presented) A computer system for performing the method according to claim 1.

6. (Previously presented) A computer program product comprising program code means stored on a computer-readable medium for performing the method of claim 1 when the computer program is run on a computer.

7. (Currently amended) A game element for playing a game, said game element comprising:

means for placing it on a first location relative to a game board;
means for transmitting, by at least one transmitter located on the game element, at least one signal identifying said game element; and
means for receiving and means for presenting a first information item representing game content, wherein said first information item is dependent on ~~said a~~ first location of the game element on a playing field of a game board and a first game being played, and wherein said first information is ~~sent received~~ from the game board.

8. (Currently amended) A game board for playing a game, said game board comprising:

means for determining a first location of a game element on a playing field of the game board;

means for determining a first information item representing game content, wherein said first information item is dependent on said first location and a first game being played; and

means for transferring the first information item to the game element.

9. (Original) A game board according to claim 8, characterized in that the means for determining a first location of a game element comprises:

means for receiving, from at least one sensor located on the game board, at least one identifying signal; and

means for determining the first location based on at least one identifying signal.

10. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the first location is on a playing field of the game board.

11. (New) The game element of claim 7, further comprising means for transmitting a signal that informs the game board that the game element is being used in a game.

12. (New) The game element of claim 7, further comprising means for receiving input that is indicative of a user's desire to play to a second game.

13. (New) The game element of claim 7, further comprising means for physically connecting the game element to the game board.

14. (New) The game board of claim 8, wherein the game content reflects a status of the game and the sensed first location of the game element and is to be presented by the game element.

15. (New) The game board of claim 8, further comprising:
means for receiving a signal that identifies the game element, wherein the means for determining the first location of the game element determines the location of the game element based upon the received signal.
16. (New) The game board of claim 15, wherein the means for determining the first location of the game element determines location coordinates of the game element, wherein the location coordinates are defined relative to a fixed point on the game board.
17. (New) The game board of claim 8, further comprising means for transmitting a message to the game element indicating that a rule of the game has been broken based upon the first location of the game element.